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Our Case No. 659/704

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven J. Romme et al.

Serial No. 09/660,049

Filing Date: September 12, 2000

For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
REFILLING A DISPENSER

Examiner Paul R. Durand

Group Art Unit No. 3721

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2002. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Durand for the helpful telephone discussion with Applicants' representative on November 5, 2002. During this discussion, it was agreed that the number of Groups in the Restriction/Election Requirement would be reduced from

twelve (12) to five (5). Original Groups I, IV, V, IX, XI and XII will be combined into a single group. Original Groups II and III will be combined into a single group. Original Groups VI and VII will be combined into a single group. Thus, it is Applicants' understanding that this patent application is restricted according to the following claim groupings:

Group I – corresponding to Claims 1-3, 9-16, 27, 31, 38, 39 and 41-48.

Group II – corresponding to Claims 4-8, 21-26, 28-30 and 32-34.

Group VI – corresponding to Claim 17-20.

Group VIII – corresponding to Claims 35-37.


Group X – corresponding to Claims 40 and 49.

In view of this current grouping of the claims, Applicants elect Group II, corresponding to claims 4-8, 21-26, 28-30 and 32-34.

It is noted for the record that this response is not being filed for reasons related to patentability. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned. Also submitted at this time is a Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month.

Respectfully submitted,

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Inventor(s) Steven J. Romme et al.			
Title of Invention System and Method for Refilling a Dispenser			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Response to Restriction/Election Requirement and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for a one month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 42 =	
+ \$140 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

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x \$18 =	
x \$84 =	
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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